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Letter dated 23 October 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The allegations contained in the letter of the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations dated 9 October 1995 addressed to you (A/50/523-S/1995/845) are not only yet another example of biased attitudes of the members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) concerning events in the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, but also an example of direct interference into the internal affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. We wish to believe that this letter is partially the result of succumbing to pressures of extremist forces within OIC as well as to those extremists among the Muslims in and outside of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia who would like to use the momentum for the fulfilment of their personal or partial interests, to the detriment of all others, disregarding or falsifying the facts and situation in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

If the said letter is a result of the OIC Contact Group's attempt at spreading human tragedy from the territory of former Bosnia and Herzegovina to the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, then it is everything but a contribution to the ongoing peace process and its chances for success. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia expects full awareness of individual and collective responsibility by the OIC members for their allegations or initiatives in the United Nations and, if possible, within OIC itself.

The insinuations to the effect that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is allegedly the occupier of a part of its own territory are utterly absurd. They directly encourage the advocates of war.

It is known as broadly recognized that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is not only an advocate of peace but also an irreplaceable factor in the peace process. The attempts of OIC to deny this cannot in any way change these facts

nor the determination of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to continue to strive not only for an early achievement of a peace in the territory of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia but also to relentlessly persist in the safeguarding of its own independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 112, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
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